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1. The main railroad line from Czechoslovakia to the USSR was the Prague-Moravska Ostrava-Kosice /4842N-2115E/-Chop/4826N-2214E/ line. [redacted] tanks, guns and other types of heavy military equipment were shipped on this line.
2. The largest transfer system in Czechoslovakia was located in Cerna /4826N-2206E/. [redacted] raw materials imported from the USSR, such as iron ore, chrome, and manganese. All finished products from Czechoslovakia were transported to Cerna and then shipped to the USSR by way of Chop. Slides, chutes, and cranes were used to reload finished Czech products on waiting Soviet railroad cars and Soviet products on Czech cars. The cranes had capacities from three to five tons. There were at least five of these cranes in the Cerna marshalling yards. The transloading went on day and night. There were 102 rail lines in Cerna, [redacted] the Czech Government was contemplating the construction of 98 more rail lines in Cerna. This project was scheduled to be accomplished by the summer of 1953. Approximately 300 cars left Cerna daily for Chop and about the same number left Chop daily for Cerna. The rail yards in Cerna were still under construction, and the buildings were all temporary wooden structures.

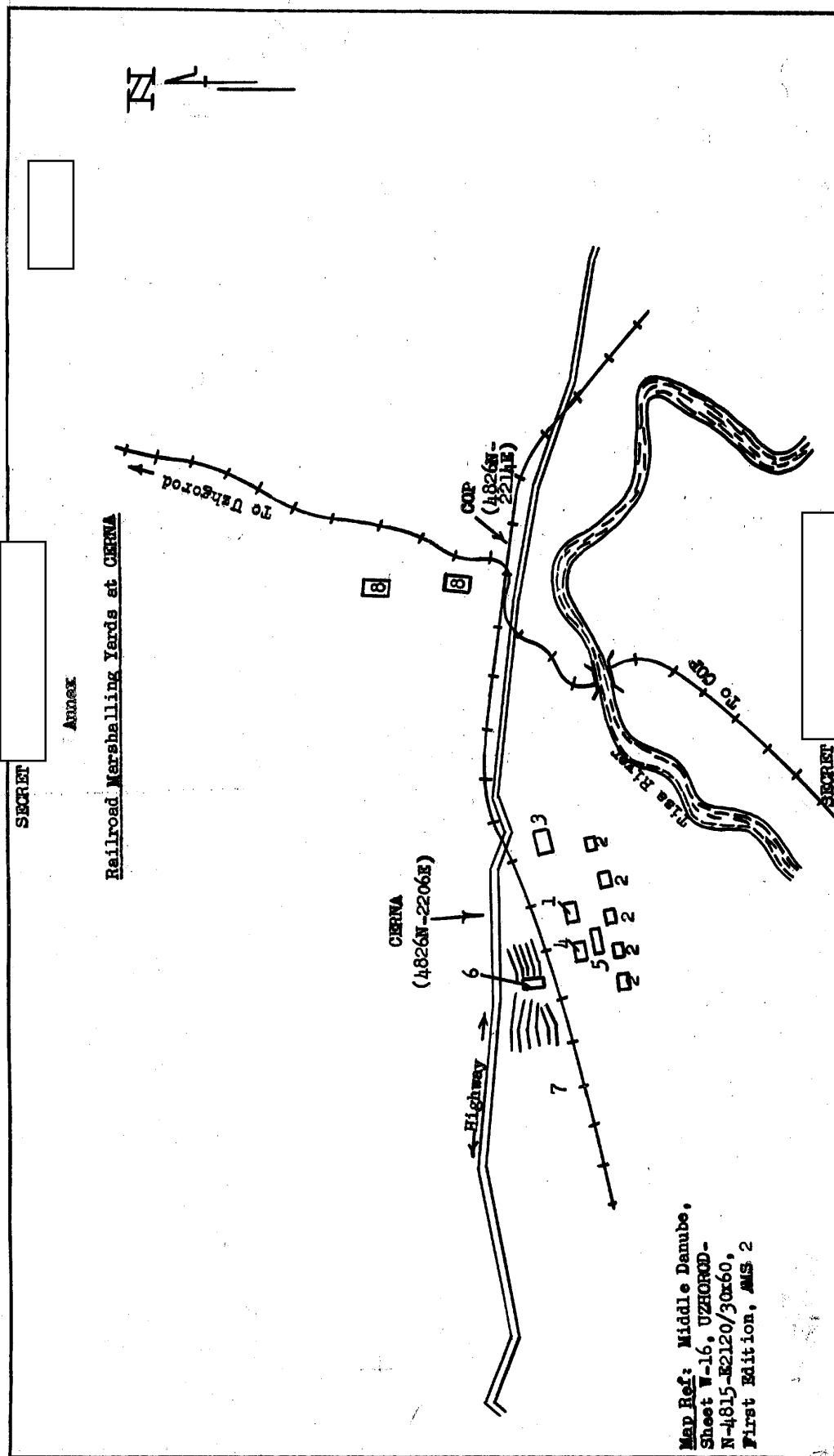
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Railroad Marshalling Yards at CFMA

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1. Train station.
2. Houses for railroad employees.
3. Office of the National Security Corps (Sbor Narodni Bespechnosti - SNB).
4. Transportation office.
5. Canteen.
6. Ramps for loading and unloading freight cars.
7. Loading tracks -- 102 lines.
8. Towers, type unknown.

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